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**(Case No. 98,714)**

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In re Application of:

David Baunoch, et al.

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Filed : December 15, 1998

**For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
AUTOMATED REPROCESSING OF  
TISSUE SAMPLES**

Group Art Unit: 1641

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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Dear Sir:

In regard to the above-identified patent application:

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2. With respect to additional fees:

A. No additional fees are required.

x B. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayments to the Deposit Account No. 13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

3.  CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8 (FIRST CLASS MAIL): The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the document(s) as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1999.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure provided by 37 §§ C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.97-98, the applicant wishes to make the references listed in the enclosed PTO-1449 form of record in the above-identified application.

It is requested that the references be given careful consideration and that they be cited of record in the present application so that they will appear on the face of the patent issuing from the present application. Return of the an initialed PTO-1449 indicating the Examiner's consideration of the references is requested.

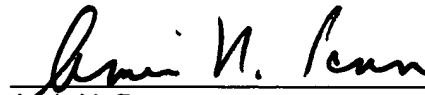
In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the references may be material to the examination of the pending claims. However, the references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative importance of any portion of the references. This Statement is not a representation that the cited references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within

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